computers, indoor and outdoor games, etc. for their overall growth and development. It also provides for fulfilling their basic requirements for food, nutrition, health and also quality and flexi-time education & vocational training.

During current financial year 2009-10, no fund could be released under this scheme, to the State Governments of Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand due to non-receipt of proposals from them.

Cases of malnutrition in Maharashtra

3542. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the cases of malnutrition in Belghat region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken for nutritional challenges with sustainability and equity to deal with the cases of malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per information received from Government of Maharashtra, the State Government is working on improving the nutritional and health status of the children in the age group of 0-6 years. There are 181 anganwadi centres functioning in chikhaldara project and 215 anganwadi centres functioning in Dharni projects, total 396 anganwadi centres are fuctioning in Melghat region of Maharashtra to reduce the rate of malnutrition. Details of malnourishment status (under ICDS) in Melghat region are given in the Statement *(See* below). The details of various measures by the State Government to reduce malnutrition are given in the Statement-II (*See* below)

The Government of India has approved universalisation of the scheme of Integrated Child Development (ICDS) where population norms have been revised for sanction of anganwadi centre. The revised population norms are given in the statement-III. The States/UTs have been advised to certify that SC/ST Minority habitations have been saturated. The scheme, inter-alia, provides a component of Supplementary Nutrition which is primarily designed to bridge the gap between the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA) and the Average Dietary Intake (ADI). The Government has also enhanced the financial as well as nutritional norms for different categories of beneficiaries as follows:

Category		Revised Rates (per beneficiary per day)	Revised Nutritional Norms	
			Calories (Kcal)	Protein (g)
(i)	Children (6 months to 72 month)	Rs. 4.00	500	12-15
(ii)	Severely malnourished Children (6 months - 72 months)	Rs. 6.00	800	20-25
(iii)	Pregnant women and Nursing mothers	Rs. 5.00	600	18-20

Statement-I

Details of Child Deaths and Malnourishment Status Under ICDS in Melghat - (Satpuda)

Year	2003-2004			2004-2005			2005-2006			2006-2007			2007-2008			2008-2009		
District	Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)		
Project	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat
Live Birth	1837	3654	5491	2026	2559	5585	2299	3800	6099	2509	3823	6332	2440	3451	5891	2436	3895	6331
Death Below 1 year	77	145	222	100	170	270	111	189	300	96	219	315	100	197	297	110	194	304
IMR	42	40	40	49	48	48	48	50	49	38	57	50	41	57	50	45	50	48
Death 1 to 6 year	52	185	237	52	121	173	54	131	185	51	100	151	29	77	106	45	96	141
NORMWT	4117	6359	10476	4189	5803	9992	5105	7025	12130	5050	7826	12876	5085	7740	12825	5143	7998	13141
GR1	4978	9350	14328	5000	9050	14050	6159	9903	16062	5836	9851	15687	5382	9017	14399	5370	8815	14184
GR2	2865	6754	9619	2768	6563	9331	3474	6889	10363	3166	6018	9184	2690	5060	7750	2419	4543	7062
GR3+4	190	616	806	222	615	837	296	548	844	260	485	745	226	438	658	188	327	515
Total	12150	23079	35229	12179	22031	34210	15034	24365	39399	14312	24180	38492	13382	22250	35632	13220	21682	34902
%Normal Weight to Total Children Weighed	33.88	27.55	29.74	34.40	26.34	29.21	33.96	28.83	30.79	35.29	32.37	33.45	38.00	34.79	35.99	38.90	36.89	37.65
%Grade I to Total Children Weighed	40.97	40.51	40.67	41.05	41.08	41.07	40.97	40.64	40.77	40.78	40.74	40.75	40.22	40.53	40.41	40.62	40.65	40.64
%Grade II to Total Children Weighed	23.58	29.26	27.30	22.73	29.79	27.28	23.11	28.27	26.30	22.12	24.89	23.86	20.10	22.71	21.75	19.05	20.95	20.23
%Grade III + IV to Total Children Weighed	1.56	2.67	2.29	1.82	2.79	2.45	1.97	2.25	2.14	1.82	2.01	1.94	1.69	1.94	1.85	1.42	1.51	1.48

Details of Child Deaths and Malnourishment Status under ICDS in Melghat - (Satpuda)

Year	April, 2009			May, 2009			June, 2009			Jul., 2009			Aug., 2009			Sept. 2009			Oct., 2009		
District (Amrawati)	Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat (Amrawati)			Melghat		
Project	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat	Chikhal-dhara	Dharni	Total Melghat
Live Birth	177	273	450	216	267	483	259	329	588	232	343	575	249	419	668	210	419	629	163	293	456
Death Below 1 year	15	13	28	4	19	23	15	13	28	11	12	23	10	32	42	12	33	45	17	21	38
Death 1 to 6 year	3	4	7	2	6	8	3	6	9	2	11	13	6	12	18	12	23	35	8	17	25
NORMWT	4925	8705	13630	4865	8189	13054	4797	7982	12779	4888	7521	12409	4888	7461	12349	4780	7434	12214	4916	7763	12679
GR1	5330	8858	14188	5312	8853	14165	5549	8948	14497	5564	8870	14434	5564	8884	14448	5658	8898	14556	5712	8826	14538
GR2	2348	4072	6420	2565	4288	6853	2842	4738	7580	2494	4306	6800	2494	4539	7033	2610	4632	7242	2510	4501	7011
GR3+4	164	218	382	214	318	532	274	360	634	243	329	572	243	371	614	269	367	636	280	312	592
Total	12767	21853	34620	12956	21648	34604	13462	22028	35490	13189	21026	34215	13189	21255	34444	13317	21331	34648	13418	21402	34820
%Normal Weight to Total Children Weighed	38.58	39.83	39.37	37.55	37.83	37.72	35.63	36.24	36.01	37.06	35.77	36.27	37.06	35.10	35.85	35.89	34.85	35.25	36.64	36.27	36.41
%Grade I to Total Children Weighed	41.75	40.53	40.98	41.00	40.90	40.93	41.22	40.62	40.85	42.19	42.19	42.19	42.19	41.80	41.95	42.49	41.71	42.01	42.57	41.24	41.75
%Grade II to Total Children Weighed	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.21	0.20
%Grade III+ IV to Total Children Weighed	1.28	1.00	1.10	1.65	1.47	1.54	2.04	1.63	1.79	1.84	1.56	1.67	1.84	1.75	1.78	2.02	1.72	1.84	2.09	1.46	1.70

Statement-II

Efforts taken by ICDS to prevent Malnutrition in Melghat

Integrated Child Development Services is a Central Government Scheme implemented by State Government Services given at Anganwadi Centres are Pre-School Education, Supplementary Nutrition Programme, Immunization, Nutrition and Health Education, Health Check-up and Referral Services. The main objective of ICDS scheme is to reduce malnutrition and overall development of the children's upto 6 years. Various schemes are implemented through ICDS in Melghat Area to reduce malnutarition between 0-6 year's children are as follows.

1) Supplementary Nutrition Programme: A special scheme called Navsanjeevan Yojana is implemented in Tribal areas; under this scheme, the beneficiaries, *i.e.* children from 6 months-6 years, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls are given extra supplementary nutrition. With the aim to have nutrition security for children in Tribal area tonics containing Vitamins and Minerals are provided for malnourished children to be consumed after eating Khichadi/any other supplementary food at AWACs.

2) Training Programme in Melghat: In collaboration with Bhavishya Alliance and ICICI Banks Human Nutrition section and CLR (Pune Based NGO) have started a training programme for Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers, in totality is improve quality of life through nutrition and child rearing practices.

3) ICDS has taken the assistance of the Breath feeding promotion Network of India (BPNI) to impart training to AWW. All the AWWs in Melghat are trained under this program. This program is help to reduce neonatal mortality as also build up the immunity of children.

4) Kishori Shakti Yojana imparts health and hygiene education and training to adolescent girls, Deliberation on bad effects of early marriage, frequent child births, need for balance diet, having green vegetables etc. are given.

Statement-III

Revised population norms

The revised Population norms for setting up a Project, Anganwadi Centre and Mini-AWC are as under:

Projects (i) Community Development Block in a State should be the unit for sanction of an ICDS Project in rural/tribal areas, irrespective of number of villages/population in it.

(ii) The existing norms of 1 lakh population for sanction of urban project may continue.

Further to this, for blocks with more than two lac population, States could opt for more than one Project (@ one per one lac population) or could opt for one project only. In the latter case, staff could be suitably strengthened based on population or number of AWCs in the block. Similarly for blocks with population of less than 1 lac or so, staffing pattern of CDPO office could be less than that of a normal block.

Anganwadi Centres (AWC)

For Rural/ Urban Projects

400-800	-	1AWC
800-1600	-	2 AWCs
1600-2400	-	3 AWCs

Thereafter in multiples of 800 1 AWC

For Mini-AWC

150-400	1 Mini-AWC

For Tribal / Riverine / Desert, Hilly and other difficult areas/ Projects

300-800	1 AWC

For Mini-AWC

150-300	1 Mini AWC

Sexual abuse of children

3543. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by Government, it has been revealed that a large number of children are facing one or more form of sexual abuse;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the 'Child Abuse: India 2007' published by her Ministry has revealed shocking instances of child sexual abuse; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and further steps Government has taken/proposes to take to check such instances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (d) A study on Child Abuse was undertaken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in 2007 which covered 13 States with a sample size of 12447 children, 2324 young adults and 2449 stakeholders. Major findings of the Study regarding sexual abuse of children are given in the Statement *(See* below).

The issues relating to child abuse are being addressed by the Government through policies, legislations, plans, schemes and programmes which include National Policy on Children 1974, National Charter for Children 2003, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2000 and its amendment in 2006. Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act 1986, National Plan of Action for Children 2005, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Scheme for Working Children, etc. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, a statutory body set up in March 2007, also inquires into the complaints of violation of child rights.